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LADIES' AUXILIARY, Ancient Order of Hibernians, meets second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Local Matters.

Suicide at Asylum.

Thomas Stevens, an inmate of the city asylum, committed suicide by hanging in the loft of the stable on the asylum grounds shortly before 9 o'clock Thursday morning. He had been mentally deranged for some years and was formerly detained at the State Hospital for the Insane. He had been at the city asylum since last February and was kept under almost constant surveillance. Thursday morning he was left alone for a short time, not more than ten minutes, and when he was missed a search was instituted for him. His body was found hanging in the stable loft. The remains were cut down and the medical examiner was summoned. He pronounced an instant unnecessary.

The deceased was the youngest son of the late Pardon W. and Abby C. Stevens and was born in this city in March, 1849. He was a lather by trade. He was never married. He is survived by two brothers and one sister—Mrs. Frances Kaull and Mr. David Stevens of this city and Mr. William T. Stevens of Fall River. The funeral will be from the Belmont Memorial Chapel on Saturday at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Charles F. Beattie officiating.

Large Registration.

When the city clerk's office closed on June 30 the total number who registered to vote during the year 1902-3 was 1,571, being 197 larger than the number registered for the previous year. There was an unusual effort made by the leader of both parties as the final limit of time for registering approached and on the last day over 300 names were added to the list.

Not only in Newport was the registration large but in all the cities of the state an especial effort was made to get the voters registered. Providence registered 19,000, which is 1,593 larger than at the last presidential election. Pawtucket registered 5,067, Woonsocket, 2,501, Central Falls, 1,911, all being much larger than during the previous year. It is evident that a warm political fight is on for the fall.

The degree team of Emma Rebekah Lodge, No. 17, of this city, accompanied by some of the members visited Grace Lodge at Oakland Hall, Portsmouth, Tuesday evening, initiating several candidates for membership. The members left by special car, arriving at Portsmouth at 8 o'clock and reaching Newport on their return at 12:30. Ice cream, cake, etc., were served during the evening, and Emma Lodge was most hospitably entertained by Grace Lodge.

Mr. David Stevens has severed his connection with the People's Library after many years' service as librarian. His successor is Miss Grannis, a graduate of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn. The library will be closed for a week or so to allow for arranging the shelves in the new addition.

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Worse than Expected.

State Commission Finds that Liabilities of Merchants Bank Exceed \$300,000—This Amount does not include Anthony Sherman's Personal Liability.

Liabilities \$300,642,500 net \$10,419,07. Such is the condition of the defunct Merchants Bank of this city, according to the report of the special commission appointed by Governor Kimball to examine into the affairs of the bank after the suicide of its late cashier, Anthony S. Sherman. The report was made public in Providence on Tuesday. The amount of the liabilities is larger than the public expected, the amount on deposit in the bank being considerably more than was estimated. The sum of almost \$60,000 due to banks, bankers and trust companies is also a large one, and it is believed that the New York institutions are the sufferers, as the local banks claim to be safe.

The state commission in their investigation have not touched the private affairs of Mr. Sherman, as their duties were concerned only with the condition of the bank. There was known to have been a large sum of money entrusted to him for investments, but just how much his personal liabilities would be is unknown.

The amount of assets of the bank, as found by the commission, is about what was anticipated, as it was believed that there could be little of value except the bank's property on Thames street which was unencumbered. The assessed value of this property is \$8,800 but it ought to be worth rather more than that. It will be noticed that the entire cash on hand amounted to only about \$80.

The figures of the commission were as follows:

RESOURCES.	
Notes and bills, discounted, estimated good	\$ 600.00
Inventory, taxed for	8,800.00
Due from banks and bankers	51.83
Checks uncollected	57.29
Cash on hand, viz.:	
Silver, notes and paper currency	7.75
Foreign gold and minerals, coins (one per bank memorandum)	67.15
Revenue stamps, forwarded for redemption to Washington D. C.	23.15
Furniture and fixtures estimated	20.00
Overdraft on book \$5,000 estimated	50.00
Bills receivable, pledged in excess of loans, estimated good	600.00
Total, LIABILITIES	\$10,129.07
Capital, \$100,000.00	
Deposits subject to check, 122,555.90	
Due depositors, amounts deducted from balances	24,500.00
Due depositors, amounts entered only on pass book	5,166.75
Due individuals, amounts collected on notes due and receipts given	1,000.00
Certificates of deposit outstanding	19,483.61
Certified checks outstanding	12,071.32
Cashier's checks outstanding	50.00
Dividends unpaid	15,111.35
Collections paid to bank and not remitted for	6,143.00
Total,	\$58,512.56

At the Old Colony yards, work has been begun on the repairs to the freight steamer "City of Brockton." This boat has been at the company's wharf for some time, but until recently little had been done toward repairs. New engines are to be substituted for what is left of the old ones after the accident of a few weeks ago.

A very interesting mock trial under the auspices of the Kenosis Club of the First M. E. Church was given in the Sunday school room Tuesday evening. The case for trial was that of State vs. Frederick Weir for larceny of a St. Bernard dog from James Hardy. Considerable dramatic ability was manifested by those who took part.

Word was received in this city of the serious illness of Mrs. Nathan King, widow of Captain Nathan King, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John C. Hatzell. Her two sons, Messrs. William H. King and Edward S. King, left for New York as soon as the news reached them.

On Saturday evening of last week the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Wood called on them to celebrate the 32d anniversary of their marriage. A most enjoyable program was arranged for the occasion.

Sunday morning a horse attached to a bus tore down Cannon street and in crossing Thames street slipped and landed against the doors of Lee Yunn's laundry. The bus and harness were damaged but the horse escaped injury.

There has been filed at the city clerk's office the deed from the war department to Lorillard Spencer, confirming Mr. Spencer's title to the old fort on his estate.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish arrived here on Saturday of last week, on steam yacht Taurus and is guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lehr, at "Arleigh."

Mr. Benjamin S. Cottrell of Jamestown, who has been spending the winter in the west, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ellen Cottrell.

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Easton's Beach.

New Pavilions Open for the Fourth.

The new establishment at Easton's Beach opened in full swing for the first time on the Fourth of July, although part of the houses have been open since June 15th. Everything about the place is changed. A new dining hall and kitchen, a new merry-go-round, together with all the old buildings so fixed up and entirely renovated that they are practically new, all go to form what will surely be in the future one of Newport's chief attractions. It has been said at various times that the work was coming on slowly, due to various delays. Although there have been many vexatious delays, so that it seemed at first as if the progress was slow, owing to the ability and energy both of Mr. Palme, the manager, and of the contracting carpenters, the whole place is now far enough completed so that all parts can be used. Work will be continued on the bath houses at the lower end, and a little work remains to be done in various places along the pavilions.

The buildings, as they now stand, are divided into two parts. The bath houses at the upper end are of a little better construction, and with these new awnings and towels will be used, while a little higher price will be charged than at the lower end. All the private houses let by the season are at this end, and, as there are no dining rooms, merry-go-rounds, or anything of that nature, it is expected that the patrons of this part will be those who go to the beach purely for the pleasure of bathing. The new houses at the extreme upper end are very large, and many have closets. These are to be let by the season only and are really very attractive. A new ladies' dressing room has been put up in the main pavilion, and everything possible is done for the comfort of the people.

At the lower end nearly everything except the bath houses is new. A large new dining room, with a number of small, private dining rooms, and a well equipped kitchen form the upper end of this part of the beach. At the corner of this building is placed one of the two little pagodas familiar to all acquainted with the beach in the past. In this convenient and attractive place is the soda fountain, while just to the rear and set back next to the road is the new merry-go-round. Just below the dining room is the office building and next to this are the bath houses. There are a large number of these already, and more will be built as soon as the carpenters finish their work on the other buildings. Connecting the upper and lower parts of the beach is a plank walk running over the grass near the road.

The manager for the company is Mr. Fred M. Palme, a well known resident of Newport. The contractor for the lower end is Hodgson, a well known builder of this city. It is announced that the manager of the restaurant is to be Mr. Adelbert Negus, who has for some years managed the restaurant at Island Park.

The Channing Memorial Church on Tuesday evening held a meeting at which it was unanimously voted to extend a call to Rev. Augustus P. Record of Cambridge, Mass. Messrs. Charles T. Hopkins and William W. Covell were appointed a committee to communicate with Mr. Record. Mr. Record is a graduate of Brown University and of the Harvard Theological school. He is now pastor of the Third Congregational (Unitarian) church of Cambridge. He is about 30 years of age.

News has been received in this city of the death of Mr. Andrew T. Gallagher, in South Bethlehem, Pa., of typhoid fever. A widow and one child survives him. Mr. Gallagher was well known in this city, being formerly one of the pitchers of the Newport base ball team.

Mrs. Frederic Bronson was recently run into by a colored bicyclist, while riding her wheel on Bellevue avenue and was badly bruised and shaken up.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark celebrated the 90th anniversary of his birth on Friday. He was surrounded by his family and a few of his most intimate friends.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will spend the month of August in Newport, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, at "Stone Villa."

Mr. David Branan has returned from Ogallala, Penn., where he has been guest of his daughter, Mrs. Robert N. Fell.

Messrs. Alexander Steel, J. G. Albro and Albert Crosby have been engaged as gate keepers at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Armbrust, of Jamestown, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

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Fourth of July.

Programme as Made up for the Observances on Friday—Large Street Parade in the Morning—Sports, Races, Fireworks, Band Concerts.

As Newport no longer has "The Lecture Day," that time of all the year about which happy memories used to cling, she turns all the energy which has been gathering through the long winter to suitably celebrating the nation's birthday. The observance this year is fully in keeping with those of the years previous. Base ball, street parade, and boat and bicycle races form the chief events of the day, while in the evening band concerts and magnificent displays of fireworks hold the attention of the crowds.

The programme for the day is as follows:

6:00—Salute of guns. Bells for half an hour.
9:00—Base ball in fifth ward.
10:00—Street parade, Col. John H. Wetherell, chief marshal.
11:00—Cutter race for Garretson prize.
12:00—Base ball at Point.
2:00—Cut boat race under Newport Yacht club.
3:00—Bicycle race around Ocean Drive.
8 to 10—Band concerts. Fireworks at Fort Greene and Morton Park.

The street parade was made up as follows:

Police Skirmishers, Mounted, Platoon of Police
Assistant Adjutant General John H. Wetherell, Chief Marshal; Lieut. F. P. King, Adjutant and Chief of Staff; Lieut. S. H. Harriet, William O. Milne, G. A. R.
Seventh Artillery Band.
United States Artillery Battalion, Major John P. Wilser, commanding, 2d. Lt. Allen Peacock, Adjutant.
1st Company, Capt. G. Macmillan.
2d Company, Capt. H. C. McLean.
3d Company, 1st Lieut. H. C. McLean.
5th Company, 1st Lieut. H. H. Sheen.
6th Company, 2d Lieutenant F. W. Galton.
7th Company, 2d Lieut. A. L. Fuller.
8th Company, 1st Lieut. L. C. Fuller.
Training Staff, Capt. F. C. Brouse, commanding.
Training Station Band.
Four Companies of Infantry and four Companies of Artillery.
Hospital corps, Pioneers, New England Band and Drum Corps.
Newport Artillery Company, Col. J. D. Richardson, commanding; Capt. F. S. Patterson, Adjutant.
Staff Surgeon C. F. Barker, Asst. Surgeon M. C. Cole, Paymaster Geo. W. Tilley, Q. M. D. Harvey, Chaplain E. H. Porter, Company A, Lieut. Col. E. F. Cooper.
Company B, Major H. G. Flagg.
Company C, Major G. W. F. French.
Company D, Major G. W. French.
Medical and Hospital Staff.</

Black Rock

By RALPH CONNOR

CHAPTER X. CONTINUED.

around Craig and told him the difficulty. With his usual promptness he was ready with a solution.

"Nixon has a team. He will go."

Then he added: "I wonder if they

would not like me to baptize their little

one. Father Goulet and I have ex-

changed offices before now. I remem-

ber how he came to one of my people.

In my absence, when she was dying,

read with her, prayed with her, con-

forted her and helped her across the

river. He is a good soul and has no

conscious about him. Send for me if

you think there is need. It will make

no difference to the baby, but it will

comfort the mother."

Nixon was willing enough to go, but

when he came to the door Mrs. Mayor

saw the hard look in his face. He had

not forgotten his wrong, for day by

day he was still fighting the devil within

that Slavin had called to life. But

Mrs. Mayor, under cover of getting him

instructions, drew him into the room.

While listening to her his eyes wan-

dered from one to the other of the

group till they rested upon the little

white face in the crib. She noticed the

change in his face.

"They fear the little one will never

see the Saviour if it is not baptized,"

she said in a low tone.

"He was eager to go.

"I'll do my best to get the priest," he

said and was gone on his sixty miles

ride with death.

The long afternoon wore on, but be-

fore it was half gone I saw Nixon

could not wait and that the priest would

be too late, so I sent for Mr. Craig.

From the moment he entered the room

he took command of us all. He was so

simple, so manly, so tender, the beants

of the parents instinctively turned to

him.

As he was about to proceed with the

baptism the mother whispered to Mrs.

Mayor, who hesitatingly asked Mr.

Craig if he would object to using holy

water.

"To me it is the same as any other,"

he replied gravely.

"An' will he make the good sign?"

asked the mother timidly.

And so the child was baptized by the

Presbyterian minister with holy water

and with the sign of the cross. I don't

suppose it was orthodox, and it rendered

chaotic some of my religious no-

tions, but I thought more of Craig than

that moment than ever before. He was

more man than minister, or perhaps he

was so good a minister that day be-

cause so much a man. As he read about

the Saviour and the children and the

disciples who tried to get in between

them, and as he told us the story in his

own simple and beautiful way and

then went on to picture the home of

the little children and the same Saviour

in the midst of them, I felt my heart

grow warm, and I could easily under-

stand the cry of the mother:

"Oh, mon Jesu, prenez moi aussi, take

me with mon mignon!"

The cry wakened Slavin's heart, and

he said huskily:

"Oh, Annette, Annette!"

"Ah, out an' Michael too!" Then to

Mr. Craig: "You think he's tak me some

day! Eh?"

"All who love him," he replied.

"An' Michael, too!" she asked, her

eyes searching his face. "An' Michael

too?"

But Craig only replied, "All who love

him."

"Ah, Michael, you must pray le bon

Jesus! He's garde notre mignon!" And

then she bent over the babe, whispering,

"Ah, mon cher, mon amour, adieu,

adieu, mon ange!" till Slavin put his

arms about her and took her away, for

as she was whispering her farewells

her baby, with a little answering sigh,

passed into the house with many rooms.

"Whish, Annette, darling, don't cry

for the baby," said her husband. "Sure

it's better off than the rest of us it is.

And didn't you hear what the minister

said about the beautiful place it is?

And sure he wouldn't lie to us at all!"

But a mother cannot be comforted

for her firstborn son.

An hour later Nixon brought Father

Goulet. He was a little Frenchman

with gentle manners and the face of a

saint. Craig welcomed him warmly

and told him what he had done.

"That is good, my brother," he said,

with gentle courtesy, and, turning to

the mother, "Your little one is safe."

Behind Father Goulet came Nixon

softly and gazed down upon the little

quiet face, beautiful with the mangle of

death. Slavin came quietly and stood

beside him. Nixon turned and offered

his hand, but Slavin, moving slowly

back, said:

"I did you a wrong, Nixon, and it's a

sorry man I am this day for it."

"Don't say a word, Slavin," answered

Nixon hurriedly. "I know how you

feel. I've got a baby too. I want to

see it again. That's why the break

burt me so."

"As God's above," replied Slavin ear-

nestly, "I'll hinder you no more."

They shook hands, and we passed

out.

We laid the baby under the pines,

not far from Billy Green, and the sweet

spring wind blew through the gap and

came softly down the valley, whispering

to the pines and the grass and the

blooming flowers of the new life coming

to the world. And the mother must

have heard the whisper in her heart,

for as the priest was saying the words

of the service she stood with Mrs. Ma-

yor's arms about her, and her eyes

were looking far away beyond the pur-

ple mountain tops, seeing what made

her smile. And Slavin, too, looked dif-

ferent. His very features seemed finer.

The coarseness was gone out of his

face. What had come to him I could

not tell.

But when the doctor came into Slavin's

house that night it was the old

Slavin I saw, but with a look of such

deadly fury on his face that I tried to

get the doctor out at once. But he was

half drunk, and his manner was hid-

eously humorous.

"How do, ladies? How do, gentle-

men?" was his loud voiced salutation.

"Quite a professional gathering, every-

thing predominating. Lion and lamb too!

Ha, ha! Which is the lamb, eh? Ha,

Very good! Awfully sorry to

hear of your loss, Mrs. Slavin. Did

you best, you know; can't help this sort

of thing."

Before any one could move Craig

was at his side and, saying in a clear,

firm voice, "One moment, doctor,"

caught him by the arm and had him

out of the room before he knew it.

Slavin, who had been crouching in

his chair, with hands twitching and

eyes glarling, rose and followed, still

creeping as he walked.

I hurried after him, calling him back;

Turning at my voice, the doctor saw

Slavin appranging. There was some-

thing so terrifying in his swift, noise-

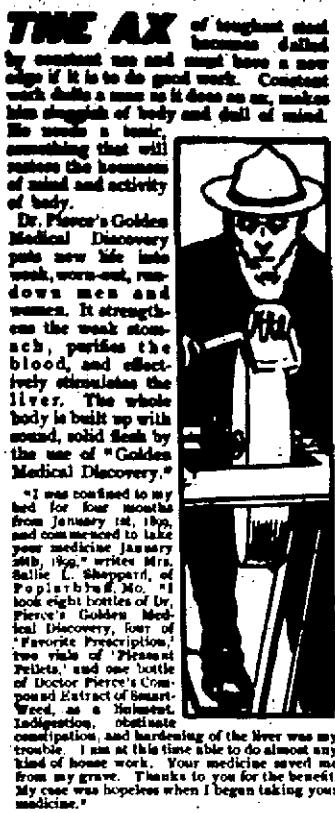
less, crouching motion that the doctor,

eying out in fear, "Keep him off!"

fairly turned and fled.

He was too late. Like a tiger Slavin

leaped upon him and without waiting



THE AX of toughest steel becomes dulled by constant use and must have a new edge if it is to do good work. Constant work does a man as it does an ax, makes his strength of body and dull of mind. He needs a tonic, something that will restore the keenness of mind and activity of body.

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John P. BARNARD, Editor and Manager.

Saturday, July 5, 1862.

The Republicans and Democratic forces are getting ready for the fall campaign. There will be floods of oratory in every direction.

The loyal colonials in South Africa will receive \$10,000,000 as an indemnity for war losses. The refunds of pay, pay, pay still ring in Mr. Bell's ears.

Secretary Root states the cost of the war in the Philippines to be \$170,000,000. Those editors who have placed it at \$300,000,000 will please notice and allow the discount.

Is it a solution of the problem how to widen Thames street from Swan avenue to Long wharf by passing a decree ordering the widening of Thames street from Perry Mill wharf to Long wharf?

The Boer war lasted thirty-two months and cost the British \$772 killed in action and 18,250 victims of disease, a total of 21,042. If the Boers lost half as many the conflict was one of the biggest little wars in history.

A new political organization in New York calling itself the Radical Democracy is announced to be "opposed to almost everything." If this is the whole platform, the regular Democratic party may justly complain of an attempt to steal its thunder.

Of all the days in the week, this year, Friday seems to be the choice of fate. Two holidays and three circuses have been on the calendar for Newport, and all have been on Friday. Does this prove or disprove the old superstition about the unluckiness of the day?

Mr. Russell Sage says he has been working nearly nearly years, intends to keep at it as long as he can, and does not believe he would be any better by refraining from work. If Mr. Sage could not labor he would probably watch the stock market as a recreation.

Congress has adjourned. Although it has not accomplished all it might have done, not all the president wished to, in the main it has been an important session and a generally satisfactory one. The passage of the canal bill alone would serve to make the session just completed a memorable one.

The treasury department has just issued warrants in favor of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Vermont and Ohio, aggregating \$3,218,584, covering the claims of these states for expenses incident to the raising and equipping of troops during the civil war. Illinois received the largest amount, \$1,065,129; and Vermont the least, \$250,453.

The town council of Attleboro has voted to employ counsel and to seek for a speedy decision from the supreme court, on the appeal of the Interstate Street Railway Company from the superior court decision that the Massachusetts law requiring electric railway companies to carry scholars of the public schools to and from school upon the payment of one-half fare is unconstitutional.

"The King continues to improve." Such satisfactory bulletins, issued by the royal surgeons, tend to quiet the feeling of dread which has seized the people of Great Britain since King Edward was first stricken with disease.

His illness has demonstrated the fact that his subjects feel real affection for their monarch. While the King of England has little real authority he is a picturesque figure head and has more or less influence in the affairs of government.

On the whole the coal strike has been conducted in a much more orderly manner than the public generally expected would be the case. The laborers who are on strike are mostly foreigners and are of that class of foreigners to whom a riotous demonstration is in the nature of a celebration. The leaders are to be congratulated on their ability to keep them under control, as the few casualties are totally insignificant when the large number of men involved is considered.

Venezuela has been unfriendly to the United States for many years. The treatment of the United States' representative in that country by its government is not calculated to win it any friends in the United States. It was the United States, in the Cleveland-Salisbury episode of 1855-1856, that secured the arbitration which saved to Venezuela the vast tract which England was seeking to annex. Apparently, though, Venezuela thinks there was nothing in the United States act in that crisis which deserves any gratitude.

The present government of Venezuela is not calculated to win much credit for itself at home or abroad.

The census bureau report on textile industries lays special stress on the rapid increase of the cotton industry in the South, where the amount of capital invested in 1850 was \$20,000,000, in 1850, \$82,000,000 and in 1860, \$137,000,000. In comparing the American industry with that of other countries the report says: "It is, however, universally known that Great Britain is far in the lead in the cotton manufacture. The fact is brought out in the special report on the cotton industry that an immense proportion of the spinning in the United States is coarse or medium yarns, whereas the average spinning on the other side of the Atlantic is much finer."

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Supreme Court.

The common pleas division of the supreme court adjourned on Tuesday of this week to meet according to law, very little business having been transacted at the June session. When the court came in on Monday, having adjourned over from Thursday of last week, considerable time was spent in making assignments for the next term. In the case of State vs. Bridget McKenney defendant was given in charge of the probation officer.

The case of State vs. John E. Farrell, a cabman, charged with assault on Officer Denman, was heard by a jury. The complainant stated that he was preserving order among the carriages near the Casino while the horse show was on, when the defendant drove out of line. The officer seized the bridle when he claimed that Farrell struck at him with his whip. The defendant claimed that he was swung out of place through ignorance of the orders that had been issued and that he did not strike at Officer Denman but at his horse in order to avoid a collision with the teams behind him. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

On Tuesday William Hinnell pleaded not guilty to the larceny of rope and was released on bail. Samuel Morgan, indicted for keeping a nuisance, pleaded not guilty and was released on \$100 bail. The case of Alfred R. Cory was called, the charge being violation of the city ordinance in relation to plumbing. There appeared to be no doubt of his innocence of intent to violate the law but the court had no option but to impose a fine, making it \$16. Lawyer Callaghan again urged the case of Matthews charged with larceny of silverware from Mrs. Curtis. The court decided that the man must be held but provision would be made for the care of his health.

The court then adjourned according to law.

Summer Theatre.

The new Freebody Park Theatre opened last Monday night with a very fine programme. The new theatre is truly magnificent. Although it is a summer theatre in that the sides are awnings instead of board, the fittings, stage settings, and service are much the same as in the permanent theatres.

Entering the field from Freebody street, the main entrance to the theatre lies just ahead. This leads to the rear of the seats which are arranged on a slope, as in all modern theatres. The outer rows are the family circle, next is the parquet; and between the parquet and the stage are much the same as in the permanent theatres.

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New Rail on Spring Street.

For some time the public has been inconvenienced by the necessity of changing cars at the corner of Franklin and Spring streets, owing to the fact that the rails have been torn up to give place to new ones. The work has been rushed, however, and it was expected that the job would be completed, ready for use on the Fourth.

The rails used are ninety pound rails of the L section type. The rails, curves, frogs, joints, etc., are all made by the Torraine Steel Company of Pennsylvania. The stone paving blocks used are cut especially for this purpose at Long Cove, Maine. The contractors for this work, and, in fact, for all the work that is done on any part of the company's tracks, are the H. M. Gore Company, of Boston. They have had a force of about 120 men at work at this point, and considering the amount of labor necessary to lay the many curves and crossings which come together here, the work has been done with a very satisfactory speed.

Inspector of Nuisances.

The monthly report of the Inspector of Nuisances for June, when 689 inspections were made, was as follows: Premises where inside closets were found, 329. Vaults found clean, 51; vaults half full or less, 154; vaults full or overflowing, 39; sinks where there were no traps, 5; duty yards, 8; grease trap and drain stopped up, 4; defective plumbing, 4; houses where there was no sink or sewerage, 1; no vaults to privies, 2; vaults inspected that were condemned, 50; houses inspected where typhoid fever existed, 1; stables found cleaned, 45; not classified, 18; total, 689. Houses planked that were condemned, 1; privies, 8; dead dogs, 1; will complaints, 8.

One sample city water was sent to the State Board for analysis. One privy was turned over, cleaned and disinfected.

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City Council.

Mayor Boyle gives a Taffree the question of Expenditure—Preparatory Steps Taken for a Widening of Thames Street.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Thursday evening when considerable business of importance was transacted. The matter of widening Thames street was brought up and the board of aldermen passed a decree providing for a uniform width of that street from Perry Mill wharf to Long wharf, the abutters to be assessed for one half the cost. Other matters of importance were the increase of 25 cents added to the daily pay of the policemen, the granting permission for the extension of the street railway tracks at the beach to the Middletown line, and the address by Mayor Boyle on the necessity for care in expediting the city's money.

The report of the committee on finance was received and bills were ordered paid from the several appropriations as follows:

City Asylum,	\$1,350.85
Books, Stationery and Printing,	1,061.85
Fire Department,	1,000.85
Police Department,	1,250.15
Incendiaries,	250.00
Lighting Streets,	2,000.47
Passers and Vagrants,	300.00
Exhibitors of Plumbing,	35.00
Public Buildings,	1,151.80
Public Schools,	2,151.25
Police Department,	2,000.00
Streets and Highways,	2,000.00
Town Jars Synagogue Fund,	215.15
Dot Fund,	300.00
Burial Grounds,	55.00
Memorial Day,	72.00
Total,	12,024.73

On request of the park commissioners an extra appropriation of \$300 for the care of the parks was granted. A petition from Betsy Rock in regard to the care of burial lots was referred to the finance committee. A resolution was passed providing for the collection of a poll tax between October 1 and October 31. A resolution was passed changing the name of a portion of old Fort Road to Carroll avenue. On recommendation of the committee on streets and highways the Newport & Fall River Street Railway Company was given permission to extend its tracks near Easton's Beach provided the extension be carried to the Middletown line, the work to be completed by August 1. A resolution was passed appropriating \$1200 for macadamizing Merton road. In response to a request from the Easton's Beach Company, the company was given permission to remove the powder house, provided the expense be borne by the company. The committee on public property was authorized to hire three lots in different sections of the city for play grounds at an expense not to exceed \$15 each. Arc lights were ordered placed at Spring and Gladys streets, and at the head of Sea View avenue, and a gas light on Stockholm street.

On recommendation of the finance committee extra appropriations were made as follows: Streets and highways, \$50,000; fire department, \$7,800; public schools, \$40,000; stationery, etc., \$1,500; board of health, \$4,000; police department, \$1,688.14. The salary of the minister of the Jewish Synagogue was ordered paid from the city treasury.

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EDWARD PLEASED

At the Expressions of Loyalty From Indian Troops

HEARD MUSIC AND CHEERS

As He Lay in Bed in Palace—Queen Alexandra Witnessed the Review—Grand Prince of Wales Represented His Father in an Official Capacity

London, July 3.—King Edward had passed another good day. The quiet and routine of the royal sick-room was varied yesterday by the excitement of listening to the music and cheers of the Indian troops as they marched past the palace and greeted Queen Alexandra on the balcony.

King Edward demanded a full account of the review and the formal report made by the Prince of Wales was supplemented by the personal narrative of the queen. The king dictated a letter to the Duke of Connaught commanding him to compliment the colonial troops upon their excellent appearance and to thank them for their expressions of loyalty and sympathy which he had heard with pleasure in his sick-room.

King Edward was somewhat disappointed that he was not able to see the march past of the troops. He had hoped that this would be possible from an invalid couch in a window of the palace, but the king's doctors were unwilling that their patient should risk this exposure and excitement, and his majesty had to content himself with hearing the troops without seeing them.

The review of the East Indian troops was largely a repetition of Wednesday's function, but the varied coloring of the uniforms of representative corps from all parts of Hindostan formed an altogether most picturesque spectacle. Queen Alexandra was again the central figure of the proceedings, and the public welcomed the opportunity to testify once more its sympathy with her on account of her recent anxiety, and its congratulations at the continued good news regarding King Edward's condition.

The review procedure of Wednesday was followed. About 1500 dark-skinned troops, headed by a detachment of the bodyguard of the viceroy of India, reached the Horse Guards' parade to the strains of Soun's "Hounds Across the Sea." Members of the royal family traversed the lines of the soldiers of the Indian empire; the Prince of Wales, representing the king, standing by the side of his mother's carriage, took the salute, and the proceedings ended with cheers for the king, led by the Duke of Connaught, the Indians drawing their swords and waving them wildly as they joined in the cheering.

At a late hour last night the king's improvement continued. It was announced that he had partaken of a fairly good dinner and smoked a cigar.

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a brilliant dinner party at York house last night in honor of the visiting Indian princes.

Damages For Breach of Promise

Providence, June 28.—After fighting through the Rhode Island courts to the very last ditch, the breach of promise suit of Trans V. Mainz against Benedict B. Lederer has been settled by the payment of \$12,500, the amount of a former verdict. In addition to the amount of the verdict, the payment included nearly \$2000 interest. Miss Mainz maintained that Mr. Lederer had failed to keep his promise of marriage.

West Clement for Governor

Rutland, Vt., June 30.—A mass meeting of citizens of Rutland was held Saturday night to discuss the political situation and the outcome of the Republican campaign for governor. As a result a number of papers were put in circulation, asking Mr. Clement to allow the use of his name as a candidate for governor on an independent ticket.

Bad Month For Vegetation

Boston, June 30.—The weather bureau points out that the month of June has been the coldest for many years, and as a result the growth of vegetation has been put back considerably. The corn this year has especially been put back for a lack of sunshine. The weather this year has, until the past month, been warmer than usual.

Probably Fatal Shooting

Manchester, N. H., July 2.—William Lange, aged 17 years, was shot in the abdomen yesterday by John Bach, and probably fatally injured. The shooting was accidental and no blame is attached to Bach. The affair occurred at the home of Bach, who was showing his younger friends the workings of a 22-calibre revolver.

Bakers' Strike Averted

Fall River, Mass., July 1.—The Master Bakers' association last night signed an agreement with the Bakers' union which is the same as assented to by committees of both sides after a previous conference. This agreement averts a strike which had been planned for today.

Harvard Wins Championship

New York, June 30.—Harvard won the deciding ball game of the series of three between its team and that of Yale by defeating the New Haven boys on the polo grounds 6 to 5. Yale won the first game at Cambridge and Harvard captured the second at New Haven.

Promotion Well Earned

Concord, N. H., July 2.—After 41 years of continuous service in the police department James E. Rand was sworn in as city marshal yesterday.

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ALLEGED ABDUCTION

Boston, July 2.—Starting Boston Bay is located on a farm in Weymouth.

Boston, July 2.—Mrs. Eva L. Randall of this city was arraigned before Judge Remond yesterday charged with having abducted William Peirce, 22 years old, son of Charles Peirce of Weymouth. She pleaded not guilty and at the request of counsel the hearing was postponed to July 14. The alleged abduction occurred on May 4 last, when the boy left his home to go to the house of Mrs. Randall, who had long taken a great interest in him, and had expressed a desire to adopt him. She is said to be a woman of means. When questioned, she denied all knowledge of his whereabouts.

A letter was received on May 16 post-marked Canada, and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Peirce, signed "William's interested friend," saying that he had fallen into good hands and was well and happy. On June 11 Mrs. Peirce received a letter bearing no date in the boy's handwriting telling how good his benefactress was to him and expressing satisfaction with his surroundings.

Bucksport, Me., July 3.—Willie Petro has been at the farm of James Bennett, the father of Mrs. Eva Randall, since early in May. He came to Bucksport from Boston alone. The Bennett place is on Verona Island, about two miles below Bucksport. Mrs. Randall came to Verona a short time after the boy arrived and stayed about a week. She has not been here since. The boy seems contented here and evidently came without force.

LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION

Gives Disturbers Full Swing in Pawtucket and Neighboring Towns

Central Falls, R. I., July 3.—So persistent were the attacks on passing street cars in this city yesterday that the crews refused to operate cars and service was abandoned before 8 o'clock last night. The usual supply of stones and other missiles gathered by strikers and sympathizers was on hand during the afternoon and early evening and the passage of a car was the signal for a volley.

One employee in this city and two in Valley Falls were injured by missiles. In the latter place the attacks were frequent. Little or no police protection was afforded by the city authorities.

In Pawtucket only a few minor cases of annoyance to cars were reported. The 17 special officers on duty there during the strike were yesterday discharged because of lack of funds.

By the decision of Judge Shove in the district court at Pawtucket, street railway men during a strike have a right not only to protect themselves, but the passengers and the property of their employers against the violence of mobs by use of firearms.

Twenty-Five Hurt in Wreck

Reunington, Vt., July 3.—Twenty-five persons were injured, two of whom are reported to be in a critical condition, by the derailment of an express train at a switch one mile west of White Creek, N. Y., yesterday. The train consisted of an engine, four passenger cars and a mail car and belonged to the Rutland railroad. While passing a switch a flange broke on one of the locomotive tender wheels, throwing the train from the track and totally wrecking three of the coaches. The train was running about 40 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

From Paterson to Fitchburg

Fitchburg, Mass., July 3.—The silk manufacturing firm of Cornforth & Marx of Paterson, N. J., has leased the plant of the Fitchburg Manufacturing company in West Fitchburg and will set up its machinery there without delay. Ultimately 200 persons will be employed. The payroll will be \$80,000 yearly. The firm comes here to avoid labor trouble at Paterson.

Bloodhounds to Be Employed

Beverly, Mass., July 3.—Bloodhounds were expected to have been used to find traces of the missing Wilbur Clark of Beverly, at Chelmsford pond, yesterday, but the trailers did not arrive in time. The state police are still working on the case and are following up several clews which they have. The boy has been missing since June 17.

Revenue Receipts at Boston

Boston, July 3.—In the fiscal year just ended the United States collected nearly \$27,000,000 in Boston in the form of custom duties and internal revenues. Though the accounts are kept in this city, the figures represent the whole of the commonwealth, but a comparatively small amount comes from outside ports and cities.

Messenger Charged With Larceny

Boston, July 3.—The larceny of \$211 from the Earl & Frew Express company is the charge upon which Hiram S. Congdon of Attleboro, Mass., was arrested yesterday. Congdon was employed as messenger by the company and the money he is said to have retained was collected upon "C. O. D." packages.

Indicted on Murder Charge

New Haven, July 3.—Antonio Ozaldo was indicted by the grand jury in the superior court yesterday on the charge of murder in the first degree. He is accused of stabbing Augustino Dadamo to death on June 21.

Early Celebrator Badly Hurt

Amesbury, Mass., July 3.—The first serious celebration accident occurred last night when Hollis Berry, 13 years old, had his neck torn by the explosion of a toy cannon. The lad may die.

Handy Goes Free

Springfield, Mass., July 3.—John J. Healey was discharged yesterday after a hearing on a charge of manslaughter, in causing the death of Wilson Burrell in front of a saloon June 21.

Delay in Demand Case

Boston, June 28.—Frederick S. Donald, who was arrested on a warrant charging him with the larceny of \$22,000 worth of bonds of the Winnebago Traction company of Oshkosh, Wis., yesterday had his case continued until July 18, because it will be necessary to bring witnesses from the west. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

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ASSAULT IN BATHROOM

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NEW ENGLAND BRIEFS

John Pascal, a veteran shipbuilder, died at Rockport, Me., aged 84. He had built 62 vessels.

Mrs. Mary B. Green, 43, keeper of a lodging house at Boston, was found dead in the basement of her home, having committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Stanislaus Tykowksi employed at a lumber camp at Newport, N. H., was drowned while working alone. His body was found in the pond by a fellow workman.

Despondent from lack of work, when only a short time ago he was a successful manufacturer, Amos Grimshaw of Somerville, Mass., aged 46, killed himself by cutting his throat with a razor.

James Gilligan, 45 years old, was taken from the water at a Boston wharf in an unconscious condition, and died before reaching a hospital.

Charles A. Nelson, a painter for the Saco & Pettee Machine company at Saco, Me., fell from a staging while whitewashing a ceiling in the foundry and received injuries from which he died.

Judge Henry K. Baker died at Lowell, Me., aged 85 years, as a result of infirmities incidental to old age. He had been in failing health for several years.

An unknown man committed suicide by jumping overboard from the deck of the steamer Richard Barlow. The affair happened near Rivesville, R. I.

Several Maine educational institutions receive bequests amounting to over \$50,000 by the terms of the will of Sarah Edgecomb, late of Bath, Me., filed for probate at Boston. The residue of the estate is given to the Tuskegee colored school.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed against the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, by creditors whose claim aggregate \$3000. It is understood that this action is brought in order to determine the exact financial condition of the institution.

Albert C. White, general manager of the Providence Telephone company, died at Providence. He was 81 years old and was prominent in secret societies and in politics.

Among the passengers on the steamer New England, which arrived at Boston, was Rev. F. W. Sandford, of the Holy Ghost and Ursuline at Rihli, Me. He has been abroad to secure converts.

John Hennessy, 76 years old, was struck by a train at Providence, receiving injuries which resulted in his death.

The Hyperion theatre, New Haven, has been leased for 10 years to Shubert Bros. of New York, lessees of several New York theatres. They will take possession May 1, 1904.

At the meeting of the Yale corporation appointment of a professor of mining engineering was made and the tender was accepted by John H. Hammond, a graduate of the Sheffield scientific school in the class of 1876.

Former State Senator John H. Hall, president of the Colt Firearms Manufacturing company, died of a stroke at Hartford.

The staging of the Lawson tower, so called, which surrounds the water tower of Schistite, Mass., fell, and William Peterson, who was on it, fell 70 feet and was killed.

While working in a clay pit of a brick company at Barrington, R. I., Castenzo Cipolla, 30 years old, was killed by a mass of clay, weighing 1500 pounds, falling upon him.

The city of Waterville, Me., began the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Waterville as a town with the dedication of the new city building.

James Morris, 9 years old, while wading at Bridgeport, Conn., stepped into a deep hole and was drowned in sight of a number of companions.

Congress Adjudges

Washington, July 2.—Amid a scene of enthusiasm that has not been paralleled since the exciting and stirring days of the Spanish war, Speaker Henderson at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon declared the house of representatives adjourned without day, in doing so he said that no house of representatives since the adoption of the constitution had done as much work as this one.

To Explore Labrador

Boston, July 2.—Steamer Halifax sailed from Boston yesterday with the members of the Glazier Labrador expedition party on board. This party is bound for the great peninsula of which so little is known, on a three months' tour of exploration. The party will make stops at Halifax, North Sydney and St. John's, where the equipment for the expedition will be completed.

Resignation Withdrawn

Medford, Mass., June 29.—Rev. Isaac Person, the pastor of the South Medford Congregational church, who has had a number of contentions with the societies affiliated with the church and as a consequence tendered his resignation as pastor two weeks ago, withdrew his resignation yesterday, having received a pledge from his congregation to strengthen and build up the church.

A BUSY CONGRESS

Much Accomplished During the Last Seven Months

THE Isthmian CANAL BILL

Will Bring the Appropriations Close to \$100,000,000—Review of Measures Passed, Carried Over to Next Session, and Defeated

Washington, June 29.—The work of congress is now practically closed, so that it is possible to sum up the record of what has been accomplished during the past seven months, which constitute the first session of the Fifty-Seventh congress. The session has been marked by exceptional business activity, with many questions of far-reaching general interest engrossing attention. With the exception of the Cuban reciprocity bill, most of the larger subjects of general legislation have been enacted as laws, or will become such before the session closes.

Notable among these larger measures is the Isthmian canal bill, which commences the efforts of a half century to link together the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific. Aside from its national and international importance, this bill probably involves a larger sum of money than that covering any other single undertaking by the government outside of war expenditures.

Despondent from lack of work, when only a short time ago he was a successful manufacturer, Amos Grimshaw of Somerville, Mass., aged 46, killed himself by cutting his throat with a razor.

James Gilligan, 45 years old, was taken from the water at a Boston wharf in an unconscious condition, and died before reaching a hospital.

Among the other important general laws enacted are those repealing the war revenue tax; extending and making more effective the Chinese exclusion laws; establishing a tariff for goods to and from the Philippines; extending the charter of national banks for 20 years; establishing a permanent census office; restricting the sale of oleomargarine by placing a high tax on imitation butter; providing a consular and diplomatic service for Cuba; establishing an extensive system by which the government will aid in the irrigation of the arid sections of the west.

Aside from these important laws there are a number of other measures of general importance which have passed one or both houses but have not progressed to the final stage.

The bill to establish a cable between the United States, Hawaii and the Philippines was retired by defeat in the house. Several other measures have advanced to a certain stage and have been halted without much prospect for further advancement. These include the bill for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; a bill relating to the immigration laws; defining the meaning of conspiracy in injunction cases; creating a department of commerce, to be presided over by a cabinet officer; the pure food bill, which, after extended hearings, was reported from the house committee on commerce, was not passed.

Among the other important measures of general legislation not heretofore named which have been finally enacted as laws, are the following:

To prevent the sale of firearms, opium and intoxicating liquors to the natives of certain of the Pacific Islands; to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service, and to provide for the retirement of its officers; to refund the duties paid in Porto Rico on articles imported from the United States during the military occupation; appropriating \$200,000 for the relief of the volcano sufferers at Martinique; authorizing the erection of Y. M. C. A. buildings on United States military reservations; regulating the introduction of eggs of game birds for purposes of propagation; providing for the protection of game in Alaska, particularly the large game such as moose, caribou, etc.; extending an invitation to the French government to participate in the unveiling in Washington of the statue of Marshal De Boisbaudran;

WHEN JOHNNY COMES.

When Johnny spends the day with us, all the things a-bangin' in this old house never seem the best. When he takes the law-horn up, and looks it in the slot; and when he strip an' raze, 'ween the covers of the bed. He says: "Keep out the blarney, what ever else you do. I shall have a settlement with you an' house an' street."

When she begins by lockin' up the pantry door an' collar, her every place that's like as not to interest a feller. All her chin ornaments, a-stickin' round the wall. She puts as high as she kin reach, for fear they'll git a fall. An' then she puts the arrichy, an' other in-plaster out. An' says: "When Johnny's visitin' they're good to have about." Tell you what, there's plenty fun when Johnny spends the day with us!

When Johnny spends the day with us, he puts his books away, An' says: "How long, in thunder, is that Johnny too?" Says he: "It makes a lot o' fun. To have him spend the day with us!"

When Johnny spends the day with us, the man across the street An' says he'll have us frested 'cause his shoes out an' swear like anything, an' stamp with both his feet; window-glass is broke, An' he ever ketches us it won't be any joke! He never knows who done it, 'cause there's no one ever 'round. An' Johnny, in particular, ain't likely to be found. Tell you what, there's plenty fun when Johnny spends the day with us!

When Johnny spends the day with us, the cat git up and goes. A-socotra' crost a dozen rats to some old place she knows; The next-door children climb the fence, an' hang around for hours. An' bust the hinges of the gate, an' tramp down the flowers; An' break the line with Bridget's wash, an' muddy up the close; An' Bridget, she gives you warnin' them, an' that's the way it goes— A plenty noise an' plenty fun. When Johnny spends the day with us!—Elizabeth Sylvester, in *Century*.

CUPID AND A PIG.

By Edward Bellwood.

WHILE the train was nearing Coey-oo station, Shepherd read Lydia's note again.

"Dear Walter," it began, "of course we should be glad to have you at Coey-oo during your vacation, and I suppose Aunt Elizabeth can put you up. But you will find us both completely busy with a colony of Fresh-Air children near by which aunt is taking care of. It is a noble work, and Aunt Elizabeth has interested me in it very thoroughly; I can think of nothing else, and have decided to devote my whole life to laboring among the children of the poor, if I am worthy of such a career. I want to tell you this before you make up your mind to come, so that you will understand that I won't be able to see much of you and so that you may expect to find me sobered by a serious purpose. Yours most sincerely, Lydia Farrow."

Shepherd crumpled the paper viciously in his pocket. "Confound Aunt Elizabeth," he grumbled. "Seized by a serious purpose!" That's the old maid's phrase—not Lydia's. Bunch of reading novels about hospital nurses. The children of the poor must be taken care of—but, hang it all, so must Lydia."

A trap was waiting at the station to convey him to Aunt Elizabeth's cottage, and his hostess was waiting at her piano, to greet him. Miss Gibbs was an elderly lady whose figure and bearing looked as much out of place in the country as would the parties of the Fifth Avenue hotel. No amount of gingham and flannel could pacify her.

"Dear Lydia left her apologies to you, Mr. Shepherd," said Aunt Gibbs. "She has been forced to absent herself upon an important duty connected with our children's mission. May I beg you to excuse yourself until the return? Thank you—so kind of you—my clerical work leaves me little leisure in the afternoon, and later I have an outdoor class in botany."

Shepherd spent a quarter of an hour in a vain attempt to read a magazine, then he flung it down and started at random across the rolling and sunshiny green of the fields. A shadowed lane tempted him for a mile or so, but when he saw the path running ahead of him into the hot glare of a highway he paused uncertainly.

"Hey, Mister Shepherd!" called a familiar voice from the fence, and a familiar head and shoulders appeared in the adjacent thicket. Voice, head and shoulders belonged to Cuppy, the newsboy who was accustomed to sell him the morning paper at his office door in New York.

"Hello, Cuppy," said Walter in great surprise. "Are you up here with the other kids?"

"You bet, I assented Cuppy. "The flat is a couple of blocks down the street. Milk an' pie an' chicken—and sheets for ten sleep in. Dere's 20 of us. Ter-morrer we has after-teetle sports. I'm the empire."

"Miss Farrow is very kind to do all this for you."

Cuppy stopped short in his progress out of the bushes.

"Say," he demanded, "this Miss Gibbs are you wid her?"

"No," replied Shepherd thoughtfully, "I'm agin' her."

"That's right," said the ragged object of Aunt Elizabeth's bounty. "The old lady's all right if she'd only leave us be. What fer does she come round a-flectar' and pattin' us on the sneak? I'm on the sneak now. She pays the rent fer us, an' we takes off our hats fer that. But," he concluded with a darkening eye, "she runs a night school out o' doors by daylight

and I'm on the sneak. Miss Farrow, she's the people."

"She is all of that," said Shepherd, feeling strangely comforted; he wanted to shake the boy's brown hand as they strode together down the highway. "She is all of that, for sure," he added.

"Well, Miss Farrow's worked fer the living of us till she's most down an'

out. She looks as pale as me mother on a wash day. Does you know what she done now? Come up this road a couple o' miles after a pig."

"After a what?"

"Ter git a pig—a greased pig for the afterteet. The farmer what rents our joint made her chase away to buy one of his brother, who needs the money. I told her I'd go myself, 'cause she's so tired, but 'Now,' she says, 'Cuppy, youse must stay fer the hot-eney. So she chases erone, fer she says it's her duty, she says."

Shepherd gave his leg a savage clasp with his walking stick.

"Hurry along, Cuppy," he exclaimed. "Perhaps we may meet her. And this is a fine job for Lydia Farrow."

He plowed through the dust doggedly, while Cuppy took to the roadside, digging among the low bushes and keeping a wary glance over his shoulder for a possible pursuer. Proceeding in this skirmishing order they reached a turn from which could be seen a little bridge, spanning a peaceful brook, and, on the bridge, a girl with a green sun umbrella. She was holding the umbrella over something behind her, and she did not observe the two pedestrians.

"Hey, Miss Farrow," yelled Cuppy. Miss Farrow turned and Shepherd waved his hat.

"Hello, Lydia," said he, "What in the world have you got there?"

"I have a pig here," answered the young lady. "I am afraid the pig is overcome by the heat. How do you do, Walter?"

"There's a sight more chance that you are overcome by the heat yourself," retorted Shepherd wrathfully, and, in spite of her pretenting gimp, he seized the umbrella and shaded her pretty head with it. This maneuver gave him a chance to shake hands with her, and left the pig exposed in the glow.

"Say, he's a dead one," remarked Cuppy.

"Hail!" howled the botany students, and performed a war dance.

The pig flew between Aunt Elizabeth's feet and there fell prose, panting in extremis, and the lady sat involuntarily at his side. She was speechless when Shepherd assisted her to rise. In the meantime Cuppy and his cohorts had manacled the pig ruthlessly.

"Lydia Farrow," gasped Miss Gibbs, "what does this mean? Are you insane? Are you trying to insult me?"

"Please, ma'am—" began Cuppy.

"Silence, Lydia, did you order this outrage?"

"Stand by the boy, anyhow," murmured Shepherd in Miss Farrow's ear.

"Aunt, it was all an accident, and I'm to blame," exclaimed Lydia. "It was not Cuppy's fault, really it wasn't."

"I've endured your incompetence long enough," answered Aunt Elizabeth, leading, somewhat stiffly, the return march to the farm house. "I do not see how I can recommend you to dear Miss Stein."

"Who is dear Miss Stein?" asked Shepherd.

"She's the head worker at Rivington Street," said the aunt.

"Oh," said Shepherd. "Then it's all very easy," and he smiled at Miss Farrow cheerfully.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean Miss Gibbs, that Lydia and I—"

"Never mind now," put in the girl, reddening. "Aunt Elizabeth, Walter is anxious to give you lots of money for the Fresh Air farm."

"That is good of him."

"Yes, Miss Gibbs, I think I am bound to."

"Well, I don't see why, although we shall be glad enough to have it," said Aunt Elizabeth, and she turned to regard her charges straggling along behind and bearing the pig aloft, like a sacrificial victim.

"Shall I tell you why I think I am bound to?" proposed Shepherd. "You see, Lydia and I—"

"I do wish you would wait," Lydia interrupted. "Look at Cuppy. I wonder where he got that name."

"It is a contraction for 'Cupid,'" said Shepherd, solemnly.

"Cupid!" sniffed Miss Gibbs. "Cupid!"—N. Y. Independent.

No Advertising in It.

The caller explained his mission.

"It's a worthy cause," he said.

"It is, indeed," admitted the up-to-date merchant. "You may put our firm down for \$500."

"Good," exclaimed the caller. "It's to be done very quietly and unostentatiously, of course. The money will be given in a lump sum from a few friends' without any names whatever."

"No one will know who gives?" asked the merchant.

"No one," answered the caller.

"No list published?"

"None."

"Cross the name of our firm off—" Chicago Post.

That Was Different.

"My child, I have already forbidden you to answer strange gentlemen. What did he say to you?"

"He asked me if that beautiful young lady was my mother."

"Indeed! And what did you answer?"

"Nothing—I ran away."

"Why, how impolite not to answer when a pleasant young gentleman asks you a question!"—Lustig's Welt.

Journeys of Skylarks.

The English skylark has inspired several of the most beautiful poems in our language, and its migrations are of a character which, it would seem, might appeal to English poets only less effectively than its song does. In violation of the general rule that birds move southward in the autumn, immense numbers of skylarks, which have summered in Central Europe, arrive in England in September and October, to pass the winter in the British Isles. In October an entirely distinct immigration of skylarks enters Great Britain from Scandinavia, while all through the autumn immense numbers of skylarks, which have summered in Central Europe, arrive in England in September and October, to pass the winter in the British Isles. In October an entirely distinct immigration of skylarks enters Great Britain from Scandinavia, while all through the autumn immense numbers of skylarks, which have summered in Central Europe, arrive in England in September and October, to pass the winter in the British Isles. 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